

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D C 20463

Charles R. Spies, Esquire Republican National Committee 310 First Street, SE Washington, D.C. 20003 OCT 2 6 2004

RE: MUR 5546

Republican National Committee Michael L. Retzer, as Treasurer

Dear Mr. Spies:

This is in response to your letter dated October 20, 2004, which we received on October 21, 2004, requesting a 30-day extension to respond to the complaint filed in the above-noted matter. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on November 24, 2004.

If you have any questions, please contact me on our toll-free telephone number, (800) 424-9530. Our local telephone number is (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Alva E. Smith, Paralegal Complaints Examination & Legal Administration